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# The Names of the Committees chosen December the 19. 1640.

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M. Stapely.
S. Henry Paine.
S. Thomas Cheeke.
S. Walter Devorex.
S. Gilbert Garrard.
M. Ashton.
M. Rones.
S. John Corbet.
S. John Franklin,
S. Henry Anderson,
M. Walton.
M. Spurflow,
M. Cornewell,
Lord Ruthnen,
M. Glyn.
S. John Cooke.
S. Gilbert Pickering,
M. Millington,
M. Perryn.
M. Edw. Hungerford,
M. Rouse,
M. Nobbe,
S. Oliver Luke
M. Oldfield,
M. Stevens,
S. Henry Wallop.
M. Edward Ash.
M. John Ash,
M. Tate.
M. Lawny.
S. Miles Fleetwood,
S Will. Masham,
S. Thomas Pelham,
M. Arthur Goodwin
M. Rhodes,
M. Pymm,
M. Upton,

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M. Hennington,
M. Rowse,
M. Corbet,
M. Bramfield,
S. Peter Hayman.
S. Robert Harlow,
M. Wheeler,
M. Rivers,
S. Francis Seymour,
S. Thomas Barrington

M. Crew,
M. Maynard,
M. Cradocke,
S. Nevell Poole.
S. William Brierton,
M. White,
S. Christopher Wray,
M. Noell.
M. Pots.
S. Thom. Wadrigton,
S. John Wray.

*And the Knights and Burgesses of Northumberland, Wales, Lancashire and Cumberland, and the Burgesses of Canterbury.*

This

THis *Committee* is to take into their conſideration, the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Huyendam* in the County of *Buckingham*, ; and all other Petitioners of that nature and alſo to conſider how there may be preaching Miniſters ſet up where there are none, and how thoſe preaching Miniſters may be maintained, where there is no maintenance ; and when they are in, how they may be kept and maintained, and to receive all other Petitions of the like nature.

And it is further ordered, That the *Committee* ſhall have power to ſend for Parties, Witneſſes, Writings, and Records, that may conduce to the buſines in queſtion before them. This was the *Sub-committee* made by the grand *Committee* for Religion. And it is this day ordered, that this Committee ſhall from the houſe have the like power it formerly had, and conſider and enquire of the true ground,

and causes of the great scarcity of preaching Ministers, throughout the whole Kingdome. And to consider of some way for removing of scandalous Ministers, and putting others in their places.

And it is further ordered, that all the Knights, and Burgesses for every County be required from this house, both upon their owne knowledge, and upon information from the severall Counties where they dwell, within sixe weeks to informe this house of the state and conditions of their Counties concerning preaching Ministers, and whence it ariseth there is such a scarcity of them throughout the Kingdome.

It is earnestly desired, and expected by the Parliament, that all ingenious persons in every County of the Kingdome, will be very active to improve the present opportunity, by giving a true information of all the Parishes in their severall Counties. First

Firſt where there are men of more then one benefice, and what ſuch mens Revenues are reputed to be.

Secondly, where there is no maintenance or too little maintenance for a preaching miniſter.

Thirdly, Where there is no preaching, or ſeldome preaching.

Fourthly, Where there are perſecuting innovating, or ſcandalous miniſters, that they may be put out, and order taken for better to be put in their places.

A Committee is choſen purpoſely to receive Petitions, and Informations of this nature, and to take ſpeciall care about ſo weighty a buſines. The Committee deſires informations from all parties, if it be poſsible within this moneth, as appeareth by the order given out by the Parliament, the nineteenth of this inſtant *Decemb.* 1640.

*FINIS.*